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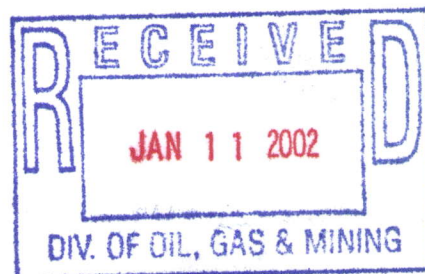
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SUBJECT: Revised Large Mining Operations - SF Phosphates Limited Company - Tailing Disposal Area at the Vernal Phosphate Mine
Project No: 01-1459

Dear Mr. Jensen:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. State agencies' comments are as follows:

Division of Air Quality

The proposed mining operation is subject to Utah Air Conservation Rule R307-205-5, Mining Activities, since fugitive dust emissions will be generated during mining activities. A permit, known as an Approval Order, is not required solely for the control of fugitive dust, but steps need to be taken to minimize fugitive dust, such as, watering and/or chemical stabilization, providing vegetative or synthetic cover and windbreaks. A permit application, known as a Notice of Intent, should be submitted to the Executive Secretary at the Utah Division of Air Quality at 150 N. 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, if any on-site crushing of stone occurs according to Utah Air Conservation Rule R307-400, Permits, Notice of Intent and Approval Order.

Utah Geological Survey

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The following paleontological localities are recorded in the project area:

Un540V - Sec. 1, T3S, R21E, fish from the Triassic Chinle Formation
Un543T - Sec. 32, T2S, R22E, Pterosaur tracks, Triassic Moenkopi Formation
Un629T - Sec 1, T3S, R21E, vertebrate tracks, Jurassic Navajo Formation

These formations have the potential for yielding significant paleontological localities if they are impacted by the expanded mining operation. A paleontological evaluation of this project is therefore recommended.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 538-5535 or myself at (801) 538-5559.

Sincerely,

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